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May 2, 2006

Formal Amendment #04-22

Mr. Ross Chittenden  
State of California  
Department of Transportation  
Transportation Programming, MS-82  
1120 "N" Street  
Sacramento, CA 94274-0001

ATTENTION: Abhijit Bagde

RE: AMENDMENT #04-22 TO THE 2004 REGIONAL  
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTIP)

Dear Mr. Chittenden:

Under authority granted to me by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council, I hereby approve and transmit amendment #04-22 for Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, and Riverside County.

This amendment:

- Is consistent with the adopted 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP): and
- Does not affect the regional emissions analysis for the RTIP;
- Does not affect the timely implementation of the Transportation Control Measures;
- Does not adversely impact financial constraint.

Furthermore, under authority granted to me by the SCAG Regional Council I hereby approve the reaffirmation of the conformity findings for all federal non-attainment and maintenance areas in the SCAG region. The conformity findings for both the 2004 RTP and the 2004 RTIP are reaffirmed for all applicable pollutants, including regional emissions analyses, financial constraint test, timely implementation of Transportation Control Measures (TCMs) report, applying the use of the latest planning assumptions and the latest approved emissions model, reaffirming consistency between the adopted 2004 RTIP and the adopted 2004 RTP, and reaffirming the process for interagency consultation and public participation.

In addition to reaffirming the already conducted public involvement and interagency consultation test for the 2004 RTP/RTIP, amendment #22 underwent the process for interagency consultation and public participation. This amendment completed a 30-day public review period on May 1 via the SCAG RTIP website.

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Therefore, SCAG, as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), has found the attached projects to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan and to be consistent with the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

This reaffirmation of the conformity determination for amendment #22 will be transmitted to the Federal Transit Administration and the Federal Highway Administration to make the final conformity determination in accordance with the Federal Clean Air Act and EPA Transportation Conformity Rule at 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93.

This amendment contains a couple of projects that are ready to go but are awaiting approval of this amendment in order to move forward. In addition this amendment contains the Metro Gold Line project that is programming federal funds that will lapse this federal fiscal year. SCAG respectfully requests state and federal concurrent review of this amendment so the projects may move forward.

If you have any questions, please contact Rosemary Ayala of my staff at (213) 236-1927 or via e-mail at [ayala@scag.ca.gov](mailto:ayala@scag.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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